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MUNICIPALITY OF ÜSKÜDAR IN ISTANBUL, TÜRKİYE

INFORMATION

FOR PARTICIPANTS

Global Observance of World Cities Day

31 October 2023

Municipality of Üsküdar in Istanbul, Türkiye

Venue:

The Address Hotel

GENERAL INFORMATION

This note contains important information about the Global Observance of World Cities Day (WCD) and is designed to help you plan and make the most of your time. Please read carefully and do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions about your attendance.

VENUE

The conference will be taking place at the “The Address Hotel“, Ünalán Mahallesi, Libadiye Caddesi No: 82F, 34700 Üsküdar/İstanbul, Türkiye

REGISTRATION AND BADGE

Registration

Participants will receive their badge upon arrival at the registration desk on 31 October 2023 from 08:30 hours onwards, which will be located inside the main hotel lobby of the Address Hotel. Participants are asked to wear their badge during the entire meeting, and to show their badge upon request. All participants are asked to bring their passport or equivalent national identity card (with photo) used during online registration to obtain their badge. Please register before 18:00 hours (GMT+3) on 26 October 2023 [here](#), if not yet done.

LIVE BROADCASTING

The Global Observance of World Cities Day with the high-level celebration and afternoon roundtables will be broadcasted live on **UN Web TV** and **Zoom**. The respective links will be broadcasted on the World Cities Day [webpage](#).



CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference related events will be held in Turkish and English with simultaneous translation into Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. International Sign Language will be provided.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

All conference facilities and meeting rooms are equipped with WIFI.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

AIRPORT

Istanbul Atatürk Airport (IST) is the primary international airport located 34 km from the city center in the European part. And Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW) is located 31 km from the city center in the Asian part.

VISA ARRANGEMENTS

Participants are responsible for obtaining the visa, if required. Please visit the below sites for information regarding the need to obtain a visa to enter Türkiye and the Türkiye e-Visa Portal.

<https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/info/>

<https://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/Visa/Index>

For more information regarding arrival and visa arrangements to Türkiye, including UNLP and diplomatic passport holders, please check [here](#) or contact the Türkiye embassy located in your respective country.

INSURANCE

The organizers are not responsible for the medical, accident and travel insurance. It is recommended that international medical insurance be obtained for the period of participation.

COVID-19 RELATED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Based on recent updates, the vaccination requirement for entry into Türkiye has been lifted, eliminating the need for proof of vaccination or recovery. However, it is crucial to acknowledge that prioritizing health remains paramount. Travelers are strongly advised to take care of their well-being and stay updated on their health status, even though it is no longer a prerequisite for entry. Ensuring personal health and staying informed are recommended practices for a safe and secure travel experience.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Istanbul has a metro system and a link with a detailed metro system map has been provided: <https://www.metro.istanbul/resim/resimad/istanbulun-rayli-sistem-hatları>

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Taxis are also available as an alternative option. Istanbul has several licensed taxi firms such as:

- UBER: <https://www.uber.com/global/en/cities/istanbul/>
- BITAKSI: <https://www.bitaksi.com/>

ACCOMODATION

Participants have flexibility to select their preferred accommodation from among any of the open online hotel booking platforms.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The country is regarded as a secure tourist destination, offering ample opportunities to explore, discover, and enjoy your surroundings with ease.

ABOUT THE MUNICIPALITY OF ÜSKÜDAR

GENERAL INFORMATION

Üsküdar is a significant district in Istanbul, Turkey, situated on the Asian side of the Bosphorus. With its dense population, it shares borders with Beykoz to the north, Ümraniye to the east, Ataşehir to the southeast, and Kadıköy to the south. On the opposite shore, facing west, are Karaköy, Kabataş, Beşiktaş, and the historic city center of Fatih.

LANGUAGE

Turkish (Türkiye Türkçesi). Russian is widely spoken. Turkish and English are common, especially in tourist areas of the city centre.

CLIMATE

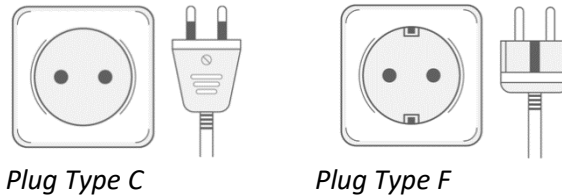
The weather in Istanbul in October is expected to be as follows: Average daily high temperature is 22°C and the average daily low temperature is 14°C. It is recommended for participants to be prepared and pack their clothing accordingly.

TIME

The time in Türkiye is (GMT +3).

POWER SUPPLY

For Türkiye there are two associated plug types C and F Plug. Type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Türkiye operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND CURRENCY

The exchange rate: USD 1.0 = TRY 27.10

EUR 1.0 = TRY 29.00

Please note that the exchange rate is defined on daily basis and changes might occur many times during the day. For more information, please visit the following link: <https://www.xe.com/>

Exchanging money: It is recommended to exchange money into TRY (Turkish Lira) at the forex bureau within the airport.

Payment methods: We recommend settling small expenses while in Türkiye with cash, however debit and credit cards are accepted widely in hotels (sometimes with an extra fee), restaurants and shops.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Türkiye country code is +90. You can purchase a Sim card upon arrival at Istanbul Airport. We recommend using a SIM card from Vodafone however other providers also serve well.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Police: 155
- Ambulance/Medical emergency: 112
- Tourism Police: +90-505-187-6614

HOSPITALS

For any medical needs, participants are rest be assured that Türkiye offers a selection of well-established and reputable hospitals with high standards of care. In the event of illness or medical attention, it is advised to visit medical institutions with valid international medical insurance.

CONTACT US

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